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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, UK
SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: CONCORDE AND
SIGNING

FOLLOWING FOR STATE, TRANSPORTATION REVIEW AND COMMENT
IS DRAFT TEXT THAT DELL WOULD PROPOSE TO USE IN
PARLIAMENT UPON ANNOUNCING SIGNING OF NEW BERMUDA
AGREEMENT (N.B., WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN WE WILL BE
ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT). SHOVELTON PASSED TO BOYD
TODAY WITH QUESTION WHETHER STATEMENT WOULD CAUSE
EMBARRASSMENT TO USG. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE COB
WASHINGTON JUNE 2. DONIN AND WOLFE REQUESTED TO CALL
TENTATIVE COMMENTS TO KUTZKE ASAP.

TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE CONCORDE SERVICE TO WASHINGTON
1. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS STARTED A
SINGLE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS TO COVER:
1) NOISE RULES FOR SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT GENERALLY, AND
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THE CONCORDE IN PARTICULAR;
2) FEDERAL AUTHORISATION FOR CONCORDE SERVICES TO DULLES,
JFK, AND/OR OTHER AIRPORTS;
3) US TYPE CERTIFICATION, SO THAT AMERICAN CARRIERS CAN
OPERATE THE AIRCRAFT.
UNDER THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN BY THE US ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION ACT, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THESE DECISIONS CAN

BE TAKEN BEFORE NEXT FEBRUARY. IT IS VERY MUCH IN CONCORDE'S BEST INTERESTS THAT THE DECISIONS TAKEN SHOULD BE THE RIGHT ONES AND CAN STAND UP TO ATTACK. I THEREFORE ACCEPT THAT CONFIRMATION FOR THE WASHINGTON SERVICE TO CONTINUE CANNOT BE GIVEN IN SEPTEMBER, WHEN THE 16 MONTH TRIAL PERIOD ENDS.

2. THE US AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN COLLECTING DATA ON NOISE AND POLLUTION FROM THE FIRST 12 MONTHS OF CONCORDE OPERATIONS AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ALL THE DATA THEY HAVE PUBLISHED HAVE FALLEN WITHIN THE PREDICTIONS OF THE COLEMAN DECISION. ON THAT BASIS I CAN SEE NO REASON WHY THE CONCORDE SERVICE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

3. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED WITH THE US AUTHORITIES. WE SHALL HAVE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEM FOR SERVICES TO CONTINUE FOLLOWING THE END OF THE COLEMAN TRIAL PERIOD, PENDING THE FINAL DECISION EXPECTED NEXT FEBRUARY. I AM SATISFIED THAT THERE IS UNLIKELY TO BE ANY DIFFICULTY OVER THIS. UNQUOTE

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